

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS**

**IN RE:**

<b>Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates</b>	) ) ) ) )	<b>MOTION TO PERMIT WITNESS APPEARANCE BY VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>
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Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 and other applicable rules of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), Blue Granite Water Company (the “Company”), respectfully requests that its witness, Shawn M. Elicegui, be permitted to appear and testify by videoconference at the merits hearing currently scheduled to begin February 26, 2020 in the Commission’s hearing room. The Company also requests a date and time certain for the presentation of Mr. Elicegui’s testimony.

In support of this motion, the Company respectfully states the following:

1. The Company has pre-filed the direct testimony of Shawn M. Elicegui, in support of its application. Mr. Elicegui is located in Reno, Nevada.
2. Mr. Elicegui is one of six witnesses for whom the Company has filed direct testimony.
2. Because Mr. Elicegui is located in Reno, Nevada, it will save the burden and rate case expenses associated with his travel to and from Columbia to attend the hearing in person.
3. No party to this proceeding has raised any issue with regard to the testimony or exhibit filed on behalf of Mr. Elicegui, which relate to the services provided to the Company by its corporate parent, as well as the associated costs.

4. The Company would like to make Mr. Elicegui available for questions concerning his testimony.

5. Counsel for the Company has notified the parties to this proceeding of its preference to have Mr. Elicegui testify through videoconference, and no party has objected.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission or a Hearing Officer issue an Order authorizing the use of videoconference for the presentation of the testimony of Mr. Elicegui; that the Company be granted a date and time certain for the presentation of Mr. Elicegui's testimony; and any such other relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I, Toni C. Hawkins, paralegal with the law firm of Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC have this day served a copy of the Motion to Permit Witness Appearance by Videoconference on behalf of Blue Granite Water Company in the foregoing matter to the parties listed below by electronic mail:

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